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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
MacPherson, Gary – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.
Miranda, Aaron – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Reilly, M.D., Ian – Scripps La Jolla
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Royer, R.N., Diane
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Bizak, Guy – UCSD
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD
Cerrone, R.N., Sharon – Mercy Air
Conover, Bill – Camp Pendleton Fire
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA, Inc.
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Kelly, R.N., Donna – UCSD ROC
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Lawrence, Matt – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Morris, Daniel – UCSD
Mottet, Mary – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Quinn, R.N., Michele – Children's
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Scott, Chris – North County Fire
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Smith, Mitch – San Marcos Fire
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air
Vivieros, R.N., Dinarle – Children's

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Jim Harley, M.D., Children's Hospital, announced his resignation from BSPC and PAC. Dr. Glasser thanked Dr. Harley for his service.

Dr. Harley introduced Jamil Madati, M.D., as his replacement. Dr. Madati just completed his fellowship at Boston University.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Michele Grad, M.D., Seconded by Jim Harley, M.D., to approve the Minutes of November 20, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Prehospital System Busier: Over the last few days, the prehospital system has become much busier with emergency rooms overflowing with patients. On the evening of January 14, 2008, twelve hospitals were on bypass status. County EMS will continue to monitor the situation. The County's Hospital Capacity Plan is currently at the lowest Level One, but could be elevated to higher levels if increases of patients going to emergency rooms continues. A press release was sent out last night (January 14, 2008) encouraging people to not go to emergency rooms unless the person is very ill. Wilma Wooten, M.D., County Public Health Officer, will be on radio and television re-enforcing that message. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will send out a copy of the Hospital Capacity Plan as soon as possible.**

It was brought up that sometimes parents are being told to meet their pediatrician in an emergency room but do not show up when the parents are there. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will follow-up with the San Diego County Medical Society to encourage pediatricians not to do this.**

New Deputy Health Officer: Dean Sidelinger, M.D., has been appointed as the new Deputy Health Officer in Public Health. Dr. Sidelinger was at UCSD in the Division of Community Pediatrics. For HHSA, he will work on tuberculosis, border health issues, and community outreach activities, among other things.

8-Hour Hold Changes: Changes to the California Health and Safety Code Section regarding 8-hour patient holds changed January 1, 2008. The length of the involuntary hold has been changed to 24 hours. Use of the hold is now limited to non psychiatric service hospitals. **ACTION: It was requested that an updated list of LPS facilities be sent out. Dr. Haynes stated that Roneet Lev, M.D., developed one and it was currently being reviewed by the County at this time and then will be sent out.**

Kudos to Fire Response: Dr. Haynes thanked everyone for their efforts during the October wildfires. To recap, 515,000 persons evacuated, 26,000 were in shelters, and three hospitals and twelve nursing homes were evacuated of 2,000 patients.

STEMI System Update: The cardiac system continues to go well. The average door-to-balloon time is approximately 60 minutes. The quality improvement indicators such as death, length of stay and complications are all within the expected limits, according to the Cardiac Advisory Committee.

CPAP: Interest continues to grow and is likely to take place more in San Diego County this year.

Agitated Delirium: A broadened protocol for agitated delirium is being considered. This will focus on close assessment, attempts to prevent catastrophic deterioration, and use of midazolam for sedation. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will circulate information on that.**

Review of Protocols: The question was raised as to whether or not protocols would be reviewed annually as in the past or every other year now. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will check into that.**

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Cheryl Graydon, R.N.)

Cheryl Graydon, R.N., Palomar/Pomerado is the new Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator for 2008.

The BHNC's are attempting to get information from all the facilities in San Diego County on imaging equipment and weight capacity.

A goal for 2008 is to have a group of nurses trained to work in the EMS Medical Operations Center (MOC) in case of another disaster.

Audits are being completed from 2007 and they should be able to be presented at BSPPC in March or April, 2008.

V. ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) Update (Dan Davis, M.D.)

Challenges continue for ROC-wide and site specific programs. The National Institute of Health (NIH) has indicated they do not want to re-invest monies until substantially more patients are enrolled in the interventional trials, so a no-cost extension needs to be considered. The NIH is re-configuring the financial structure so that San Diego would receive about two-thirds of what was initially received. Local ROC staff has been reduced. ROC would like to have Mayor Jerry Sanders re-consider the program to allow the City of San Diego to participate.

Dr. Davis inquired if there was interest in establishing a collaborative of EMS educators and quality assurance personnel to disseminate information regarding resuscitation, including airway management, cardiac arrest and trauma. New science, training materials, and assistance with quality measures, including the use of new CPR process software, would be included. This would need to be in collaboration with the County and coordination with the San Diego County protocols. The trainers could also go out to the smaller agencies to conduct the training or providers could be referred for simulation-based training. **ACTION: Dr. Davis will discuss with Dr. Haynes.**

VI. NEW RESEARCH FROM AHA MEETING (Dan Davis, M.D.)

Dr. Davis attended an AHA meeting in November, 2007 and another meeting this past

week where there appeared to be more interest growing for ROC and resuscitation in general. Maintaining coronary perfusion pressure as high and long as possible is one of the first pieces coming out of the new technology as well as measuring compressions and the time on and off the chest.

VII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

HACOT will meet again on January 16, 2008.

VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

The Council meets on January 16, 2008 also. An update will follow.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None noted.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS